

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Investigation into the adequacy of the Southern California Gas Company's and San Diego Gas & Electric Company's (SDG&E) gas transmission system to serve the present and future gas requirements of SDG&E's core and noncore customers.

Investigation 00-11-002
Filed November 2, 2000

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING REQUESTING
BRIEFING ON IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION 01-12-018**

Summary

This ruling requests that the parties to this proceeding, Investigation (I.) 00-11-002, brief the implications that Decision (D.) 01-12-018, approving with modifications the Comprehensive Gas OII Settlement for Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) and San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E), has on Phase I and Phase II of this proceeding investigating the adequacy of SoCalGas and SDG&E's gas transmission systems. Briefing is due January 30, 2002.

Background

On November 2, 2000, the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) instituted an investigation into the adequacy of the natural gas transmission capacity of SDG&E to serve its core and noncore customers and the capacity of SoCalGas as the upstream supplier to SDG&E. The scope of the investigation was expanded to include whether SoCalGas had sufficient capacity

to serve the needs of its own customers—in addition to the needs of SDG&E. Since addition of this topic expanded the scope and time for evidentiary hearing, the proceeding was bifurcated into two phases; Phase I addressing the adequacy of SDG&E's system, and Phase II covering the adequacy of SoCalGas' system. Evidentiary hearings took place in both Phases, and post hearings briefs¹ have been filed. No draft decision has issued.

On December 11, 2001, the Commission issued D.01-12-018 approving, with modifications, the SoCalGas "Comprehensive Settlement" (CS) in I.99-07-003, the gas industry restructuring proceeding. The CS may significantly impact many issues in this proceeding.

Additional Briefing

Although the parties have fully briefed the issues in both phases of this proceeding, D.01-12-018 may affect many topics set forth in the post-hearing briefing outlines. This ruling requests that parties review D.01-12-018 and brief the Commission on what impact, if any, the CS has on any topics in this proceeding. Parties are requested to follow the briefing outline established for the post-hearing briefs. Briefs are due January 30, 2002. No reply briefs will be accepted.

¹ Pursuant to an ALJ ruling, the parties stipulated to a briefing outline for each phase of the proceeding.

IT IS RULED that parties are requested to review Decision 01-12-018 and brief the Commission on what impact, if any, that decision has on the issues in both Phase I and Phase II of this proceeding.

Dated January 7, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ CAROL BROWN

Carol Brown
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Requesting Briefing on Implications of Decision 01-12-018 on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated January 7, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

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